

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., Monday, October 12, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Tom Ptak at 7:07 p.m. in the absence of the Mayor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to appoint Alderman Tom Ptak as Mayor ProTem. until meeting is over or the Mayor arrives.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

ROLL CALL

Present- Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

Excused Absence: None

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Monday, September 28, 2015 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to grant permission to June Peradotti to address the council.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

June Peradotti thanked everyone for their assistance with the process to get the property at 1321 Argyle demolished. She stated that she felt this was a combined effort of City personnel and she hopes the team will keep up the good work. She then inquired if an ordinance exists regarding low hanging trees. Chris Covert explained that an 8ft clearance is required by ordinance, unless it is a dangerous tree, then pruning is required. Mrs. Peradotti expressed concern about the trees at 1321 Argyle as they are hanging very low. Chris Covert stated that he will make contact with the owner and ask them to prune the trees back.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the request of Beverly Malooley, Director of the Illinois Small Business Development Center at IVCC for a \$500 monetary donation to assist with the cash match requirements of a SBDC grant being sought.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 6-2

Alderman Schneider suggested that the SBDC contact businesses in the area that were assisted by the center for donations.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve the request of La Salle Little League to hold a Tag Day collection on Saturday, October 31, 2015 at the intersections of 11th and Bucklin and at area businesses providing that all established guidelines are adhered to.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Reynolds reminded everyone that La Salle's Hometown Halloween will be held October 31, 2015 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve the request from Ameren Illinois to break ground 358 Ator Drive to install gas and electric service and at 1536 4th Street to retire gas service.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Regarding the request from Biren Patel for property at 1613 St. Vincent Avenue, Attorney McPhedran indicated that we are not certain which board(s) this petition will need to be referred to. At this time, we do not have the final form of the request, but to be pro-active the council could make a motion to refer to the request to the respective boards for consideration once the final request is submitted. Discussion followed. Attorney McPhedran expected to hear from the buyer's attorney by Thursday, but did not. Attorney McPhedran stated that the owner can sell the building and continue to operate as a pre-existing non-conforming use. Attorney McPhedran added that referring this to the proper boards is not final action, it just simply starts the process. The seller's do not need a zoning change just to sell the business, which would be the same as any taverns in residential neighborhoods.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to refer the request of Biren Patel for variances and/or Special Use Permit at 1613 St. Vincent Avenue to the Planning Commission and/ or the Zoning Board of Appeals at the appropriate time.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

7:19 p.m. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to remove Alderman Ptak as Mayor Pro Tem and authorize Mayor Grove to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to grant the request of Ana Koval on behalf of Canal Cargo Market for permission to install sign on the exterior of the building located at 737 First Street.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

There were no reports from officers.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for September 2015 showing cash balances in the La Salle State Bank of \$8,973,179.06 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$32,697.92. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to formally approve action on a straw poll vote taken regarding a request from La Salle Peru High School to hold a 5K Run/Walk utilizing city streets on Saturday, October 10, 2015 and related matters.

Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Request #4 to Ficek Electric totaling \$11,186.04 for electrical work associated with the IKE Dike Effluent pump replacement and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Request #4 to Dahme Mechanical Industries totaling \$18,500 for mechanical work associated with the IKE Dike Effluent pump replacement and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan to approve reapplication for an Enterprise Zone designation and pay the associated fee.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Alderman Bacidore stated that he received a complaint regarding a resident who is feeding stray cats. Because of this, the food is attracting raccoons and neighbors are upset. Bacidore stated that in speaking with the resident she indicated that she is taking care of the cats in the interim for IVAR because they currently have too many cats. Alderman Bacidore inquired if the City has an ordinance regarding the feeding of stray cats. Chief Uranich stated that you cannot go by hearsay and must prove ownership of the cats before any action can be taken. Attorney McPhedran added that the burden of proof would lie with the City or the complaining witness. After brief discussion, Chief Uranich said the police will check into this further if an address is provided and the Mayor asked that IVAR be contacted to confirm the resident is in fact taking care of the cats on their behalf. As part of the discussion it was clarified that owners must register cats as well as dogs with the City and they must be kept on a leash when outside of the home.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2600**: An ordinance approving and authorizing sale of municipally owned real estate at 359 Wright Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Ordinance 2600— An ordinance approving and authorizing sale of municipally owned real estate at 359 Wright Street.

The Mayor requested that one vote be taken to approve and authorize the sale of real estate at 228 Crosat, 1034 Fifth and 334 Fourth Street. Alderman Ptak made the motion and Alderman Reynolds seconded the motion to approve and authorize the sale and all alderman voted in favor.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2601**: An ordinance approving and authorizing sale of municipally owned real estate at 228 Crosat Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Ordinance 2601- An ordinance approving and authorizing sale of municipally owned real estate at 228 Crosat Street.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2602**: An ordinance approving and authorizing sale of municipally owned real estate at 1034 Fifth Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Ordinance 2602- An ordinance approving and authorizing sale of municipally owned real estate at 1034 Fifth Street.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2603**: An ordinance approving and authorizing sale of municipally owned real estate at 334 Fourth Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Ordinance 2603- An ordinance approving and authorizing sale of municipally owned real estate at 334 Fourth Street.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2604**: An ordinance amending Title XI Business Regulations of the City Code of La Salle to create new Chapter 109 "Home Kitchen Operations." Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Ordinance 2604- An ordinance amending Title XI Business Regulations of the City Code of La Salle to create new Chapter 109 "Home Kitchen Operations"

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2605:** An ordinance authorizing execution of Professional Services Agreement including Task 001 with Donohue Associates, Inc. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Ordinance 2605: An ordinance authorizing execution of Professional Services Agreement including Task 001 with Donohue Associates, Inc.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2606:** An ordinance authorizing agreement regarding Inspection Services proposal regarding 500,000 Gallon Spheroid with Dixon Engineering, Inc. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Ordinance 2606: An ordinance authorizing agreement regarding Inspection Services proposal regarding 500,000 Gallon Spheroid with Dixon Engineering, Inc.

COMMENTS

Gina Czubachowski of the IVCC Small Business Development Center thanked the council for the donation and support.

Alderman Herndon recognized Don Aleksy for his contributions as Economic Development Director to the growth in the downtown area.

Alderman Demes announced that Softtails is re-opening in La Salle and will hold a grand opening for City Officials and business leaders on Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 5-9 p.m.

Chief Andy Bacidore announced that tickets are available for the Wine Tasting Event scheduled for Friday, November 13, 2015 at Senica's Oak Ridge. Tickets are \$20 in advance. In addition, there will be a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser with proceeds going to the new joint training facility with the City of Peru. The breakfast will be held at the Peru Fire Station on December 6, 2015.

City Engineer Brian Brown stated that the Sidewalk program is complete except for some sealing of the brick and clean up. The MFT program is complete as well except for a few small clean up items. The La Fayette Street project had four inlets that were not connected into the storm sewer, so Pohar installed the storm sewer and inlets at the Balbo intersection allowing the sewes to be separated. Milling should take place on Friday, with paving next Monday or Tuesday. The Mayor questioned the status of requested repairs at the intersection of 11th and Joliet. Mr. Brown stated that IDOT does not have a budget and will not do the repairs needed even though there was a commitment to the City to do so.

Chris Covert explained that there is an opportunity for the City to purchase property that could be used as a potential area for combined sewer underground storage. The property is in foreclosure and owned by a foundation out of California. If the City were to purchase the property for approximately \$5,000, which will cover the foundation's costs, the structure could be leveled and prepared for future use. Brian Brown added that the Long Term Control Plan approved by the Illinois EPA had the City completing CSO improvements by 2017. With the latest NPDES permit, as part of the WWTP permit, the CSO improvements need to be done by 2025. The City is required to show progress in this area and obtaining this property would show progress. No formal action was taken, as the item was not on the agenda, but it will be addressed at a future meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$392,922.55 (Total Payroll \$180,625.42, Bills to be Paid \$83,924.84, Total Bills Paid \$128,372.29) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Herndon to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 7:49 p.m.



Carrie L. Brown, City Clerk